

## **REMARKS**

### **Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 1-5 and 18-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Winsor (U.S. Patent No. 5,914,560) in view of Lee (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0044437).

Claims 6-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Winsor in view of Lee as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Ge et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,859,508), Lowe (U.S. Patent No. 5,561,343) and Anderson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,811,927). Although the Final Office Action does not expressly cite Lee in this rejection of claims 6-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), the Final Office Action indicates this rejection is based on the rejection of claim 1. Since Lee is relied upon in the rejection of claim 1 and claims 6-17 depend from claim 1, Applicant assumes that the Final Office Action intends to cite Lee in this claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). If Applicant's assumption in this regard is incorrect, further clarification is respectfully requested with the next office communication.

### **Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

A Verified Translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2000-74288 is submitted herewith. No changes to the claims are made by this response. Claims 1-23 remain currently pending.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 1-5 and 18-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Winsor in view of Lee. Claims 6-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Winsor in view of Lee as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Ge

et al., Lowe and Anderson et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Applicant respectfully submits that Lee should be excluded as prior art to the present application for the following reasons. On December 4, 2001, Applicant submitted a certified copy of Korean Patent Application No. 2000-74288, which was filed in Korea on December 7, 2000, for the present application accompanied with papers stating that the certified copy is filed for priority purposes, thereby constituting a claim for priority as indicated at M.P.E.P. §201.14(c)(IV). In addition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.55(a), Applicant submits concurrently herewith a verified translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2000-74288.

Turning to the applied reference, the U.S. filing date of Lee is June 29, 2001, which is after the priority date to which the present application is entitled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Lee should not be considered as prior art to the present application under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. §102.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Lee should be excluded as prior art to the present application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

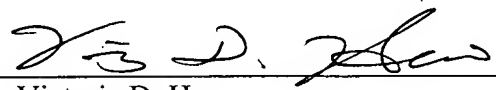
### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited. Should there remain any questions or comments regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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